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SUMMARY. DESPITE SOME RESERVATIONS, USLO BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO APPROACH THE PRC AGAIN ON THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE MEAT EXPORTS TO THE U.S. SOME CHANGES IN THE REFERENCED INSTRUCTION ON THIS SUBJECT ARE PROPOSED.

1. USLO HAS SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE REFERENCED INSTRUCTION BUT ON BALANCE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO APPROACH THE PRC ON THIS MATTER AGAIN. THE APPROACH WOULD SERVE TO REITERATE OUR SINCERITY IN WISHING TO EXPAND TWO-WAY TRADE, AND MAY GIVE US A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF PRC VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. IT APPEARS REASONABLE, MOREOVER, TO PROVIDE THE CHINESE WITH THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM, WHICH THEY WILL NEED IN ORDER TO MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER

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OR NOT TO SEEK ARRANGEMENTS TO EXPORT MEAT PRODUCTS TO THE U.S.

2. OUR RESERVATIONS ARE BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE INSTRUCTION REITERATES VERY CLEARLY THAT U.S. REGULATIONS ON THIS MATTER ARE VERY COMPLEX AND VERY STRICT-POSSIBLY EVEN MORE COMPLEX AND MORE STRICT THAN WE INDICATED IN OUR EARLIER EXCHANGES WITH THE CHINESE. BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW OF THE EXPERIENCE OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE HAD WITH THE PRC IN SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS, WE CAN EXPECT FEW IF ANY CONCESSIONS FROM THE CHINESE WITH RESPECT TO PERMITTING PERIODIC INSPECTIONS, PROVIDING DETAILED ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS, OR MEETING SOME OF THE OTHER USG REQUIREMENTS. OUR GUESS, THEREFORE, IS THAT THE PROPOSED PRESENTATION IS LIKELY TO DAMPEN RATHER THAN TO STIMULATE ANY CHINESE INTEREST IN PURSUING THE MATTER. NEVERTHELESS, FOR THE REASONS INDICATED IN PARA 1 ABOVE, WE ARE INCLINED TO GO AHEAD, WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS.

3. USLO WANTS TO REMOVE FROM THE PROPOSED PRESENTATION THE SUGGESTION, WHICH WE DO NOT THINK THE CHINESE WOULD APPRECIATE, THAT THEY CONSIDER REVISING PRC REGULATIONS ALONG LINES THAT WOULD MAKE THEM COMPARABLE TO USG REQUIREMENTS. IF THEY DECIDE ON THEIR OWN ACCORD TO MAKE SUCH REVISIONS, THAT IS FINE, BUT WE SHOULD NOT TELL THEM TO DO SO OR EVEN SUGGEST IT. WE ALSO WANT TO CONVEY THE NOTION TO THE CHINESE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO TAKE SOME INITIATIVE IF THEY WISH OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER TO PROCEED FURTHER.

4. SPECIFICALLY, USLO RECOMMENDS THAT PARAGRAPHS 6 AND 7 OF THE PROPOSED ORAL PRESENTATION BE REPLACED BY THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE THE USDA HAS PREPARED A GUIDEBOOK, A COMMENT SHEET, AND OTHER MATERIALS WHICH HELP EXPLAIN US MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS AND THE COMPARABILITY OF FOREIGN REGULATIONS TO U.S. REQUIREMENTS. THESE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE WISHED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXPORT OF MEAT TO THE U.S. WE HOPE THESE MATERIALS, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL COVERING MEMORANDUM ALSO PREPARED BY THE USDA, WILL BE HELPFUL TO THE PRC AS IT CONSIDERS THE POSSIBILITY OF MEAT EXPORTS TO THE U.S. IF AFTER STUDYING THESE MATERIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WISH ANY FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE LET US KNOW.

QUOTE AS WE INDICATED AT THE START OF THIS PRESENTATION, WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE PRC IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE TRADE BALANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE HAVE SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPORT OF MEAT FROM CHINA TO THE U.S. AS ONE POSSIBLE STEP IN THIS DIRECTION, AND

WE HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH INFORMATION ON US IMPORT REQUIREMENTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THIS MATTER FURTHER, WE ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN ANY WAY WE CAN. END QUOTE

5. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE CHANGE, USLO ALSO RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN THE USDA MEMORANDUM:

A. OMIT THE LAST TWO SENTENCES IN PARA 4B, BEGINNING WITH "THEY NEED NOT" AND ENDING WITH "FOREIGN COUNTRY".

B. REVISE THE LAST SENTENCE OF THE MEMORANDUM'S PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE COUNTRIES WHOSE MEAT INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS ARE SIMILAR TO OR WHICH HAVE THE SAME INTENT AS THOSE IN THE GUIDEBOOK WOULD ORDINARILY GAIN EASY COMPARABILITY WITH RESPECT TO U.S. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS. END QUOTE

6. USLO ALSO WISHES TO MAKE VARIOUS NON-SUBSTANTIVE EDITORIAL CHANGES BOTH IN THE ORAL PRESENTATION AND THE USDA MEMORANDUM.

7. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS REQUESTED.
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